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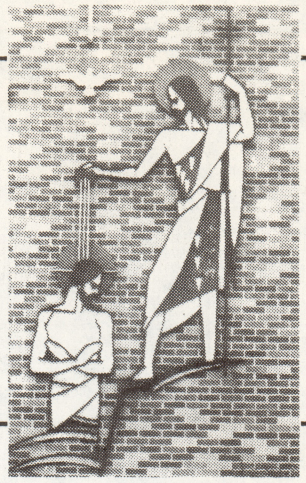

Anniversary Sunday Today At St. John's

Special Celebration To Be Held

Today at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, Special anniversaries of St. John's parishioners will be celebrated by the parish community in conjunction with Father David Harvey. The couples will be renewing their vows as part of the ceremony and a reception will be held in the parish hall so that all parishioners will be able to congratulate the couples and join them in light refreshments.

Couples celebrating are: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Frentner - 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. George Grant - 40 years; Mr. and Mrs. James Keegan - 40 years; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paul - 40 years; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carroll - 25 years.

We congratulate each couple and pray that God grants his choicest blessings to them in this year of celebration.

JUST A WORD ...

By Fr. Harvey

Our hats are off to the honored couples who celebrate a special anniversary of marriage this year. The 11:00 a.m. Mass today will be offered for their intentions. While length of years is indeed a rich gift, the values of Christian commitment and faithful love which specially mark a marriage in Christ, give deeper meaning to the celebration of marriage anniversaries. We rejoice with our anniversarians and thank them for the special sign they are among us.

The annual Good Samaritan Drive for the Washtenaw County Catholic Social Services is underway. This social arm of the Catholic Church is well known and well respected for the quality of service it renders in our county to all people, regardless of religion, race or social status. Over 7,600 individual people were able to be served last year. A very deep working bond exists between CSS and our own parish of St. John. One of our own parishioners, Mr. Eugene Butman, is presently the president of Board of Directors for the social service organization. Several parishioners remain actively involved in the volunteer services of CSS. Our own St. Vincent de Paul Society actively responds to several referrals made through Catholic Social Services. Your support of CSS through the Good Samaritan Drive is essential to its effective operation and service. Please, BE A GOOD SAM!

INFANT BAPTISM SUNDAY

Since the promulgation of the new rite for celebrating infant Baptism, a couple of practical changes have occurred. The new rite of the church encourages that the celebration of the Baptism takes place during the celebration of the Eucharist. This underlines at least two of the realities which Baptism celebrates, namely, that a believing community welcomes a new member for which it assumes some responsibility and that Baptism marks the first stage of Christian initiation for a child, an initiation which will be completed only when this child is Confirmed and is able to share the Holy Eucharist.

To this end, St. John's Parish has publicly celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism during the 12:30 p.m. Sunday Mass on the Second Sunday of each month for the past two or three years. This policy will remain. However, there are times when exceptions are made for a multitude of different reasons, such as schedule conflicts, unavailability of godparents, stage fright, etc., but the ideal remains.

The new rite of Baptism also places a serious obligation on the priest who baptizes to give sufficient catechesis to parents of newborn children prior to the time of Baptism. To this end, our parish offers a series of two meetings for such parents (and godparents, if they are able to be present). We encourage expectant parents to attend these classes prior to the actual 'blessed event.' The next instructional classes for parents who will have a child baptized in this community will take place January 30 and February 7. Both meetings are held in the Education Center Library at 7:30 p.m. Please register for this series of two meetings by calling the rectory (483-3360).

As a side note, our parish happily celebrated 81 INFANT BAPTISMS during the year of 1974! That's a marked increase over the previous year of 1973 when 54 infants were baptized.

Happy parenting!

--Fr. Harvey

PARISH NUPTIAL

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Kovacs, Jr.

On Saturday afternoon, January 11, 1975, Jess Kovacs, Jr., and Charlene Rich solemnized their marriage vows before Fr. Harvey.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Kovacs, Sr., of Ypsilanti; the bride is daughter of Russell Rich and Mrs. Virginia Tyler, also of Ypsilanti.

Robert Martin of Caleton and Sharon Rich of Ann Arbor served as the main attendants.

Mrs. Delane Martin was the lector; Mrs. Ruth Lorenz the soloist, accompanied by Miss Marie Stachlewitz.

Congratulations, Jess and Charlene.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF WASTENAW COUNTY GOOD SAMARITAN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Envelopes for the Good Samaritan Annual Membership Drive in behalf of Catholic Social Services have been made available. If you have not made your contribution, please do so today. If you are not able to do so today, please mail your contribution to Catholic Social Services, 117 North Division Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

How are your dollars used by Catholic Social Services? Your dollars help pay for the skilled professional workers who do the counseling and the placement for the families who continually ask for help from the Agency. And for the time these workers spend in trying to obtain additional help from other resources in the community. Your dollars also help pay for the cost of maintaining close to 300 children in Agency foster homes throughout the year. Your dollars also pay to enable to enable the Agency to place children in adoptive homes -- many of whom are older or handicapped in some way.

The kind of help that Catholic Social Services provides in not an "8 to 5" job. A crisis can happen anytime and the Agency is prepared around the clock to help with emergencies. Be a Good Samaritan! Help Catholic Social Services help others!

OUR GOAL - EVERY PARISHIONER A PAID MEMBER

MORE THANK YOU'S FROM THE PARISH

The St. Vincent de Paul group is also thankful to Rose and Bill Davis for their donation of a table size silver tree to a family for Christmas ... another family was happier because of a good thought. We are grateful to Bill and Rose also for their contribution toward Christmas flowers which we have been enjoying for weeks in the sanctuary area.

Public High School Students

1. There will be no religion classes this week (January 20-23) because of exams at the public schools.
2. Second semester classes will begin the week of January 27. Students who have not been enrolled or attending Area Religious Education should enroll for second semester. If you need information or materials to register call 761-7656 any week day between 9:00 and 4:30.
3. A.R.Ed. ski trip to Schuss Mt. will take place this weekend. Only students who have made a reservation and paid the fee will be accepted.
4. Sleigh ride will take place Friday, January 31. Reservations in advance are necessary.

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

PARENT NIGHTS: for first semester evaluation; if your student attends the Ypsilanti A.R.Ed. classes, come to St. John Religious Education Center, 411 Florence Street either Monday, January 20, or Tuesday, January 21. If your students attends the Ann Arbor A.R.Ed. classes come 538 North Division Street either Wednesday, January 22, or Monday, January 27. These meetings will begin at 7:30. Come to pick up the lessons that have been taught first semester.

Monday night parent classes take place at the St. Thomas Parish Center, 517 Elizabeth Street starting at 8:00 p.m. Themes taken run parallel to themes

DISCOVERY

In the months of January and February we would like to give you and your Family* an opportunity to make some discoveries together. We invite you to attend two sessions of family religious education on the following topics:

Sunday, January 26th
Session 1 Family Encountering Themselves

Discover:
Who are we?
What do we want
What do we offer each other?

Sunday, February 16th
Session 2 Family Encountering Jesus

Discover:
Who do you say I am?
Why have I come?
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In a variety of ways we will explore the qualities and attributes of a good relationship, our ideals and our experience of family. We will look at our understanding of who Jesus is in our lives and how his presence/his life is seen or not seen in the ways in which we react, respond to one another. The format for each session is:

10:30 a.m. Peer group sessions

11:30 a.m. Family session

12:30 a.m. Sunday liturgy in the Church

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PLEASE REGISTER BY JANUARY 22nd. Registration can be made by completing the form below and returning it to the Center or dropping it in the basket at Mass on Sunday. (You are encouraged to participate in both sessions, however you may register for either one alone.)

REGISTRATION

	Indicate age, grade, or adult
Family_____	
Name_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

____Session I ____Session II

* Family, two or more people sharing relationship to one another or living together.

being taught to high school students at St. Thomas High School and in the Area Religious Education Program.

January 20 - The God Question: The Search for God; the Problem of Atheism; Images of God (11th grade theme)

January 27 - Protestant and Orthodox Churches: Ecumenism (this has been transferred from January 13 and is a 10th grade topic)

February 3 - Faith Development; Faith vs. Superstition (9th grade)

DANCE TO BE HELD AT ST. JOHN'S

Good News! The Dance Committee had determined that only 225 tickets would be sold for the near-coming Mardi Gras and this many tickets are already being circulated. The evening promises to be a gala occasion and we hope that those of you who wanted tickets are one of the many who have them already because we are now filled to capacity.

The Dance Committee intends to make $1,000.00 for the Renovation Drive. So we are striving to make as many expense cuts as possible. We have Richard Wagner of Moore Funeral Home to thank for the printing of the tickets ... one expense taken from the committee. We are looking for other parishioners who would like to help in various ways to make this dance a monetary success as well as a fun party.

Decorations always total more than is expected so if there is a parishioner inclined to be open to underwriting this expense or part of it, please call Committee Chairman, Alan Israel at 483-8176 to make the offer. We will appreciate this thoughtful gesture. Also, since we are serving a cold buffet, there may be some who would be glad to furnish cheese balls, crackers, condiments, etc., to help lessen expenses. Please call Sr. Carol at 483-3360 to make the offer.

The Dance Committee and the Service Commission would be most grateful for any help received along any of these lines which will help in the renovation of our parish hall. Many of you have asked how you can help; this is one way to do something which will have lasting effects.

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The next Dance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Come and bring your best ideas.

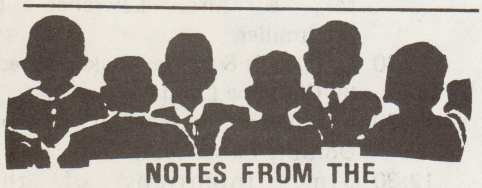
REMINDERS ...

... CATHOLIC WEEKLY continues to keep an interested Catholic informed. If you would like to subscribe to our Diocesan paper or renew your subscription, please indicate such on the special green envelope included in the January mailing. A five ($5.00) dollar offering is suggested. If you are unable to offer that amount, please hand in the envelope during the month of January and the parish will pick up the loose ends.

THIS IS A GOOD WAY TO KEEP INFORMED.

... MARCH FOR LIFE's symbol has become the red rose throughout the Nation and especially on Capitol Hill. Let your representatives in Washington know of the many who value the dignity of human life by sending a simple, dignified Life message through a red rose. The price of each Life Rose is $2.00 payable to: ROSE COMMITTEE, P.O. Box 2950, Washington, D.C. 20013 ... Representatives and/or senators are: Rep. Marvin Esch, Sen. Robert Griffin, Sen. Philip Hart.

... GOOD SAMARITAN COLLECTION GOAL - EVERY PARISHIONER A PAID MEMBER.



NOTES FROM THE EDUCATION COMMISSION

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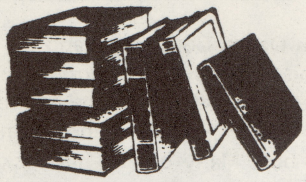

THOUGHTS ... From the Office of Communications ...

.. The director of the first and largest legal abortion clinic in the United States has resigned because of what he calls "increasing certainty" that he had "in fact presided over 60,000 deaths." Dr. Bernard Nathanson made the statement in the New England Medical Journal. In the article, he said, "There is no longer serious doubt in my mind that human life exists within the womb from the onset of pregnancy." SOURCE: NATIONAL CATHOLIC REGISTER

... The number of Catholics in the United States is 48,460,427 according to a recent Gallup poll. There are 56,712 priests. Membership, according to the survey has remained constant since 1971. In the Lansing Diocese there are 205,707 Catholics and 179 active clergy. SOURCE: A P NEWS

... The 67th Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be observed from January 18 to 25. This time of prayer was begun in 1908 as the Church Unity Octave by Fr. Paul Wattson, an Episcopalian priest who became a Roman Catholic. The theme this year, "Reconciled by Christ who renews, frees, and unites." SOURCE: NC WIRE

... Bishop Zaleski is making an excellent recovery from the stroke he suffered on Dec. 27. He is encouraged by the many offerings of prayers.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Feb. 14-16
Siena Heights - Adrian
For information call: 971-4637
Del and Dom Bitondo

ST. THOMAS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, January 20, 1975
7:30 P.M.
High School Library

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Sunday, January 26, 1975
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under 12 - $1.25
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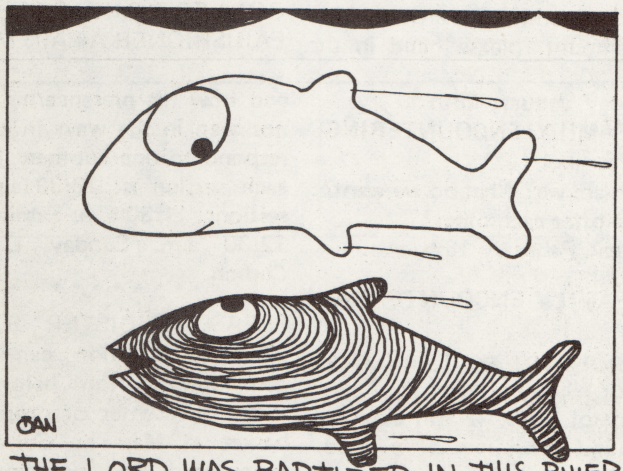


THE LORD WAS BAPTIZED IN THIS RIVER, SO I THINK WE'RE SWIMMING IN HOLY WATER.

SECOND SUNDAY JANUARY 19.

Not even Niagara Falls
can wash away sin.
But baptism is a sign.
Water flows over me
and so does God's love.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, January 20th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Alfred E. Walters, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Connor & Family
2:30 p.m. Edward Nyitra, Anniv., req. by Helen Petraska

TUESDAY, January 21st - St. Agnes, virgin-martyr
7:00 a.m. Bruce Morrison, req. by Ann & Bill McCarthy
9:00 a.m. Memorial Mass for the Repose of Hillard Zeininger

WEDNESDAY, January 22nd - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Thomas H. O'Dea, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Butman
9:00 Hillard Zeininger, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Whiting

THURSDAY, January 23rd - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Louise Chadwick, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Denoyer

FRIDAY, January 24th - St. Francis de Sales, bishop-doctor
7:00 a.m. Benjamin F. Laurain, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Miller

SATURDAY, January 25th - Conversion of St. Paul
9:00 a.m. Ruth Chadwick, req. by Mrs. Fortunato
5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Harry Roof, req. by James Hoffman & Family

SUNDAY, January 26th
7:00 a.m. Mabel Stadtmiller, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence T. Stadtmiller
9:00 a.m. Louis & Marie Altekruse, req. by Christine Lund
11:00 a.m. Oliver Pinsoneault, req. by Dorothy Pinsoneault
12:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 25
5:00 p.m. Rick Steeby and Jeff Steeby

SUNDAY, January 26
7:00 a.m. Larry Koch and Tim McCarthy
9:00 a.m. Mike Wideman and Pat Wideman

11:00 a.m. Bill Wagner and Danny Gefre
12:30 p.m. Mike Presensky and Mike Cicirelli

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 25
5:00 p.m. . . . . Mary Wheeler
SUNDAY, January 26
7:00 a.m. . . . . .Chris White
9:00 a.m. . . . . .Ron Nemeth
11:00 a.m. . . . . Mary Claire Anhut
12:30 p.m. . . . . Frank Wawrzaszek

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 25
5:00 p.m. . . . . Norm Hallman
SUNDAY, January 26
7:00 a.m. . . . . .John White
9:00 a.m. . . . . .Paul Brancheau
11:00 a.m. . . . . William Anhut
12:30 p.m. . . . . Michael Schroer

LAY DISTRIBUTORS

SATURDAY, January 25
5:00 p.m. . . . . .Ed Look
SUNDAY, January 26
9:00 a.m. . . . . Ann McCarthy
11:00 a.m. . . . . .Sr. Anne
12:30 p.m. . . . . Russ Beeman

USHERS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 25
5:00 p.m. B. Hughes, W. Jackson, T. Kulback, C. Corkin, D. Jacques, V. Quigley
SUNDAY, January 26
7:00 a.m. T. Weber, P. O'Hara, J. DeFilippi, D. Cannon, D. Nowling, R. Schmuckal, Jr.
9:00 a.m. I. Egbert, R. Powell, F. Blaha, V. Calianno, S. Adamick, W. De Los Reyes
11:00 a.m. W. McCarthy, D. Rocha, J. Vasher, J. Mooney, J. Romeli, M. Conlon
12:30 p.m. F. Koss, B. L'Amoreaux, M. Welch, L. Gregory, F. Wahla, E. Herbert

BABYSITTING SCHEDULE
January 26, 1975

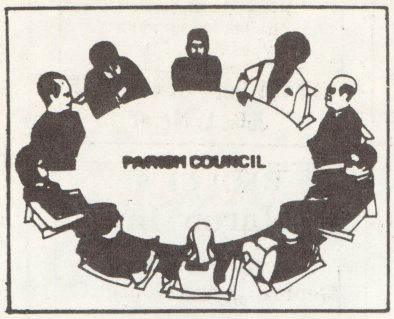
9:00 a.m. Eleanore Moore, Arlene Prevost and Katie Williams
11:00 a.m. Dan Kjos, Cecile Kjos and Jill Moses

WEDDING BANNS

I Joseph Laban and Jeanette Elliott

FINANCIAL BAROMETER

Sunday Offertory $2,721.50
Hall Renovation $200.00



PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 13, 1975

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sr. Carol Denise, Lee Sanford, David Wheeler, Natalie Boyer, Vera Clyne, Richard Wagner, Gerard Wideman, Ray Carpenter, David Rocha, Don Racine, Doreen Binder, Father David Harvey and Ruth Lorenz.

1. The meeting was called to order by president, Lee Sanford, at 9:00 a.m. The opening prayer was led by Father Harvey.

2. Motion was made for the nomination of Ruth Lorenz to the Parish Council to fill in vacancy. This was seconded and approved by all.

3. Motion was made for the appointment of Ruth Lorenz as secretary for the Parish Council; this was seconded and approved by all.

4. The minutes of the December 9, 1974, meeting were approved with the correction that Don Racine was present at the December 9 meeting.

5. COMMISSION REPORTS:

A. ADMINISTRATION: Chairman David Wheeler reported that renovation of the hall continues and that steel beams and wood work are being placed this week. It was reported that by February 8 the door entrance will be 50% done and that the hall itself will remain as is on that day so as not to interfere with the Mardi Gras party.

B. EDUCATION: Chairwoman Doreen Binder reported that the commission has a full teaching staff. Comment was made to the excellent coverage the Ypsilanti Catholic gives on the programs available through the Education Commission. It was stated that there are plans for 5 weeks of adult education to be held during Lent.

C. SERVICE: Chairwoman Natalie Boyer reported that this Sunday parish member anniversaries will be celebrated; that the spaghetti dinner will be held on January 26; that ticket proceeds for the Mardi Gras should be turned in by February 3. Of the proceeds from the bake sale, $400 will be donated to the renovation of the hall.

D. WORSHIP: Chairwoman Vera Clyne reported that 5 new altar boys were installed and six new cassocks have been ordered; installation of Extraordinary Ministers took place on January 4 and 5; that the Liturgy Planning has a new member; that the 11:00 a.m. Mass has a new head usher; that a new representative is needed for Commentator-Lector; that the adult choir is in need of new members; and that a schedule for Commentator-Lector has been distributed.

6. OLD BUSINESS

The IFC representative will be at the February Council meeting. Sister Carol indicated that if we would be interested in listening to the representatives that the parish supports that is, meals on wheels and the black newspaper, we would ask then to attend the February council meeting. This would help us understand their work and goals. Motion was made that each representative should have about 5 minutes to summarize their work with a short question and answer period following. This was seconded and approved by Council members.

A comment was made that each commission should evaluate their achievements for the past year. They should review the goals that were implemented for the months from August through January. If any of these goals have failed, each commission should see what better action can be taken to implement their goals for 1975.

7. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was reported for this month's meeting. Father Harvey did state that he has written to the Personnel Commission for request of another priest but as yet, he has not received an answer.

8. With no further business, motion was made for adjournment and so seconded. The Parish Council for January adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Lorenz
Secretary

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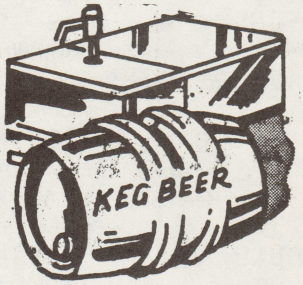

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